

U.S. Senate approves INF treaty

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Senate Friday approved President Reagan's first major arms control agreement with the Soviet Union, two days before the president meets Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow. The ratification documents for the intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) treaty were to be given to Reagan in Helsinki Sunday. He will then sign the treaty into law. Final approval of the treaty had never been in doubt. But until the end it had been besieged by a series of amendments proposed by Republicans that had raised doubts whether Reagan would get the treaty in time for the summit. Reagan plans to exchange ratification documents with Gorbachev in a ceremony designed to be a centerpiece of the summit. Reagan had said failure to approve the treaty in time would put a strain on the summit, and his chief Senate ally, Republican leader Robert Dole, warned his party conservatives that they threatened to embarrass their president.

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Arab air carriers set up committee

DAMASCUS (Petra) — The Arab Air Carriers Organisation Friday concluded a several-day meeting here and decided to set up an Arab finance committee which will be entrusted with purchasing and chartering aircrafts on behalf of Arab countries.

Ibn Ali, Benjedid in S. Arabia for Omra

RIYADH (R) — Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali arrived in Saudi Arabia Friday and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid Thursday night after attending the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit in Addis Ababa. They will perform the minor Omra pilgrimage. Benjedid, who will host an Arab summit in Algiers June 7, held talks with King Fahd after his arrival. King Fahd had talks with Ibn Ali when he stopped over in Riyadh on his way to Ethiopia.

Moroccan premier due in Cairo

RABAT (R) — Moroccan Prime Minister Azeddine Laraki leaves for Cairo Saturday at the head of the first high-level official delegation to Egypt since the two countries normalised ties last year after a nine-year break. Officials said his talks would cover a wide range of issues, from political coordination to cooperation in information. The talks in Cairo will be in the context of a joint committee set up during a visit to Morocco by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in February.

Aga Khan: Afghans need massive aid

GENEVA (R) — Afghanistan needs a major international aid plan to recover from the destruction caused by years of war, the coordinator of U.N. aid to the country said Friday. "They (the Afghans) all realise that to reconstruct the country, which has been virtually destroyed, you need a tremendous international effort, a kind of Afghan Marshall plan," said the coordinator, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan. He was alluding to the massive U.S. programme of assistance to Europe after World War II.

Najibullah pardons French journalist

ISLAMABAD (R) — Afghan President Najibullah, acting on a direct plea from French President François Mitterrand, has pardoned a French photo-journalist held for eight months on spying charges. Kabul Radio said Friday. The radio monitored here disclosed the news about Alain Guillot after a French embassy spokesman in Kabul said he would be released within two days. In a letter delivered to Najibullah by special envoy, Mitterrand said Guillot had entered Afghanistan illegally but his release would help strengthen relations between the two countries, the radio reported.

Walters in Bahrain

BAHRAIN (AP) — Far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, who unexpectedly won millions of votes in the French presidential election, is warning of tension if his National Front is driven from parliament in next month's general election.

Opinion polls predict the anti-immigrant campaigner will lose his own bid to win a seat in Marseille and see his party ranks in the 577-seat National Assembly slashed from 32 to less than five when the nation votes June 5 and 12.

"That would be a black day for the republic and for democracy. When a representative system no longer permits representation of several million people, then there's something rotten in the state of France," says Le Pen.

"If the assembly does not play its role as a chamber for debating... tensions, they will manifest themselves elsewhere."

If, as forecast, voters give President François Mitterrand's Socialist Party a landslide victory, Le Pen vows the National Front would form "the backbone of the resistance to socialism."

3 more Palestinians turn uprising martyrs

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies)

Two Palestinians died Friday of wounds received in clashes with Israeli soldiers in the occupied West Bank and a three-year-old girl died of tear-gas inhalation in the occupied Gaza Strip, according to the Israeli army and Palestinian sources.

Iyad Abdallah Ibrahim Zeid, 16, was shot by an Israeli policeman in the West Bank town of Qalqilya in February, the spokesman said.

An army spokeswoman said a 14-year-old boy from the Jelazoun refugee camp died in hospital after being wounded by troops Wednesday.

Israel Radio said the boy, Ay-

man Rajah Abu Radaha, was hit by a rubber bullet while watching the army disperse a protest from a window of his house.

Palestinian residents of the Zeitoun neighbourhood in the Gaza Strip said a three-year-old girl died Friday of tear-gas inhalation when the army dispersed a demonstration. The army denied that the girl died of tear-gas

effects.

In Jerusalem, leading Palestinian journalist Radwan Abu Ayyash was released from jail Friday nine days before the end of his six-month term in what Israeli officials called a "gesture of goodwill."

Abu Ayyash, 38, head of the Arab Journalists' Association, was arrested last December, a few days before the start of the Palestinian uprising.

He was arrested under an Israeli law allowing six-month detentions without trial on charges of being a chief organiser for the Fatah organisation.

Abu Ayyash worked as an editor at the Al Awdah magazine which was recently closed by

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Pittsburg seminar produces agreements

PITTSBURG (Agencies) — A seminar on investment in Jordan and trade with the Kingdom continued here Thursday and business leaders from the U.S. and Jordan exchanged views and reached several agreements in principle over increased cooperation in the field of technology and trade and other fields of economy.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who opened the seminar Wednesday, gave a briefing Thursday on Jordan's strategic location in the Middle East region and its strong economic infrastructure.

He noted that this location made Jordan a prime area as a Middle Eastern regional centre which is able to provide maintenance services for American industries.

In the dialogue that followed, initial agreement was reached on assembling some of American industrial products in Jordan, and on exporting certain Jordanian industrial products to the U.S. markets.

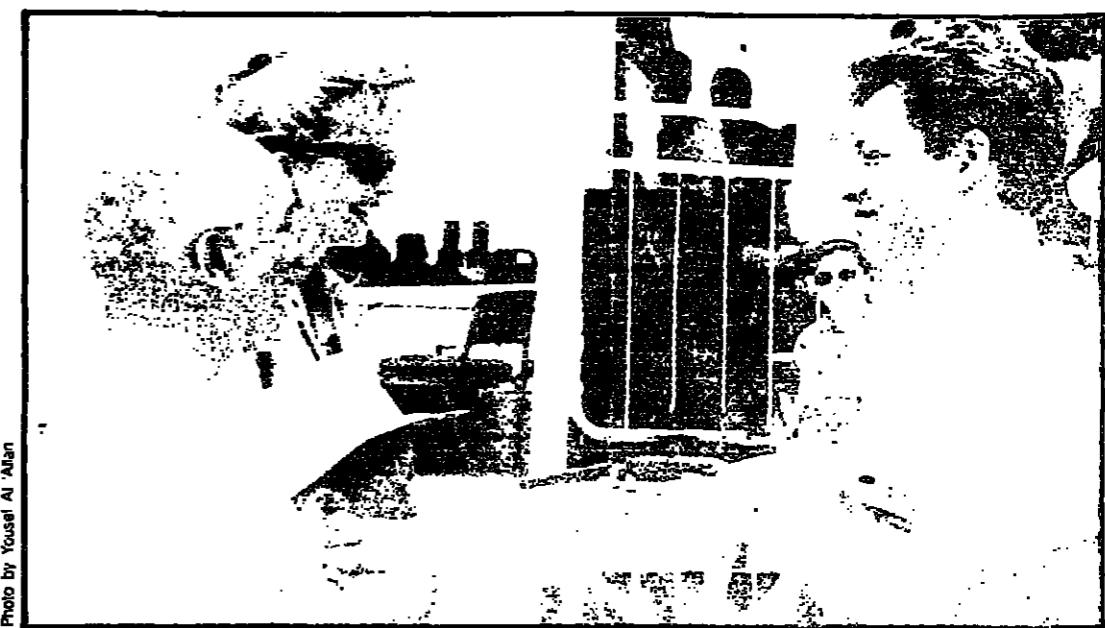
Prince Hassan and the Jordanian delegation visited the Carnegie Mellon Institute and toured its computer laboratories and a unit for developing computer programmes for management and industry.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that initial agreement was reached during the visit regarding bilateral cooperation in preparing educational programmes for Jordan.

Prince Hassan later met with Pittsburg Mayor Sophie Masloff and a group of prominent Pittsburgh economists to discuss cooperation in technology.

The Prince later hosted a reception to mark Jordan's Independence Day anniversary.

Pittsburg is the second and last stop for the Crown Prince after Atlanta, Georgia, where a similar seminar was held.



A DAY OF SPORT: Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor chat with His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah during Friday's Tal Al Rumman hill climb, one of the events in the 1988 National Rally Championship. The King and Prince Abdullah took part in the contest and won second and third positions respectively (see story on page 7)

Iranians fortify border after forced out of southeast Iraq

King congratulates Iraq

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein has congratulated Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for regaining the southeastern Shalamcheh region east of Basra.

The King, in a telephone call he made to the president Wednesday evening, paid tribute to the Iraqi armed forces and people for their efforts to repel aggression and protect Arab land.

President Hussein expressed his country's appreciation of Jordan's continued support for the Iraqi people in their endeavour to defend their territory against Iranian aggression, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

The Iraqi leader also conveyed good wishes to the King on Jordan's Independence Day anniversary, Petra said.

Call from Mubarak

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Thursday evening called King Hussein by telephone.

The president exchanged views with the King on current Arab issues, according to a report in the Al Ra'i daily.

Mubarak also conveyed to the King his good wishes on Jordan's Independence Day, it said.

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai has also congratulated Iraq over its successes at the Fao Peninsula and Shalamcheh.

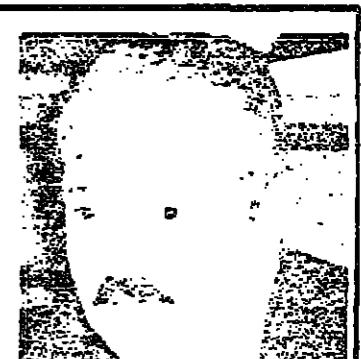
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thounan Hindawi conveyed Rifai's congratulations to Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan in Baghdad.

Abu Odeh: Jordan-U.S. ties poor

LONDON (R) — A senior Jordanian official said in remarks published Thursday that Jordan's relations with the United States had been harmed by its policy in the Middle East and its reluctance to sell arms to the Kingdom.

"We regret ties are not good and the reasons are that the United States made them reach that point by its stand on the Palestinian question and... Congress' position on arming Jordan," Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh told the London-based Al Majalla magazine.

Congress has blocked several arms deals to Arab states, including Jordan.



Adnan Abu Odeh

Abu Odeh said Jordan was seeking weapons from manufacturers outside the United States and praised Moscow's approach to the Middle East.

He said the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) refused to join a joint delegation with Jordan for an international peace conference because the PLO wrongly believed Amman was competing with it.

Dukakis leads Bush by wide margin, polls show

WASHINGTON (R) — Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis would easily defeat Vice-President George Bush if the November presidential election were held now, according to a new poll released Friday by the Washington Post and ABC News.

The survey, the fourth major poll this month to show Dukakis with a solid lead, said the likely Democratic presidential nominee holds a 53-40 percentage point advantage over Bush, who has wrapped up the Republican nomination.

A poll conducted last March gave Dukakis a 50-45 per cent lead. The latest survey of 1,508 voters in California, New Mexico, Montana and New Jersey will choose 46 delegates to the national convention that opens in Atlanta July 18, expects to wrap up the nomination in the final primary contests June 7.

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While Dukakis campaigned in California and New Mexico Friday, Bush was at his Kennebunkport, Maine, vacation home.

The latest poll duplicated results in early Gallup, Harris, and New York Times/CBS polls.

Spokesmen for both parties said the polls are only a "snapshot" of voting sentiment now and a close election was expected. But Democratic spokeswoman Julie Anbender said the favourable polls help motivate party workers.

Sahara on focus at OAU summit

ADDIS ABABA (Agencies)

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar met Friday with leaders of the Polisario Front, sparking speculation he may be mediating an end to its war with Morocco over the Western Sahara.

Perez de Cuellar's meeting took place while African leaders attending the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit went into a closed session to discuss the Western Sahara question and the Chad-Libya dispute.

Aides said the U.N. chief was meeting with Mohammad Abdul Aziz, president of the Saharawi Arab democratic republic, and that he was confident of resolving the war between the Polisario Front and Morocco.

The secretary-general expects to be able to hold a referendum in Western Sahara within the next

few months," said an aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Perez de Cuellar has visited the Western Sahara to mediate the dispute with President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, outgoing chairman of the OAU.

"Our contacts with the parties encourage us to believe that, given their continued cooperation and political will, a peaceful solution to the problem can be found," he said.

The peace process has accelerated with this month's resumption of diplomatic relations between Morocco and Algeria, the Polisario Front's main backer.

Kaunda made the comments in his chairman's address to the pan-African body. He spoke before being replaced as chairman by Mali's president, Moussa Traore.

The year-long elected post revolves between northern and sub-Saharan Africa.

Traore called on Africans to unite "so as to bear up to the many problems facing our countries."

He also urged the OAU to "further improve our methods of struggle so as to fully dismantle apartheid and increase moral and material support to the peoples of South Africa, Namibia and the front-line states."

Chad-Libya conflict

Traore said recent achievements in mediating the Libya-Chad dispute were "clear evidence of the ability of Africa to transcend its differences."

Kaunda mediated a ceasefire between the two countries last September and Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi Wednesday marked the OAU's 25th anniversary by declaring an end to the 15-year-old war.

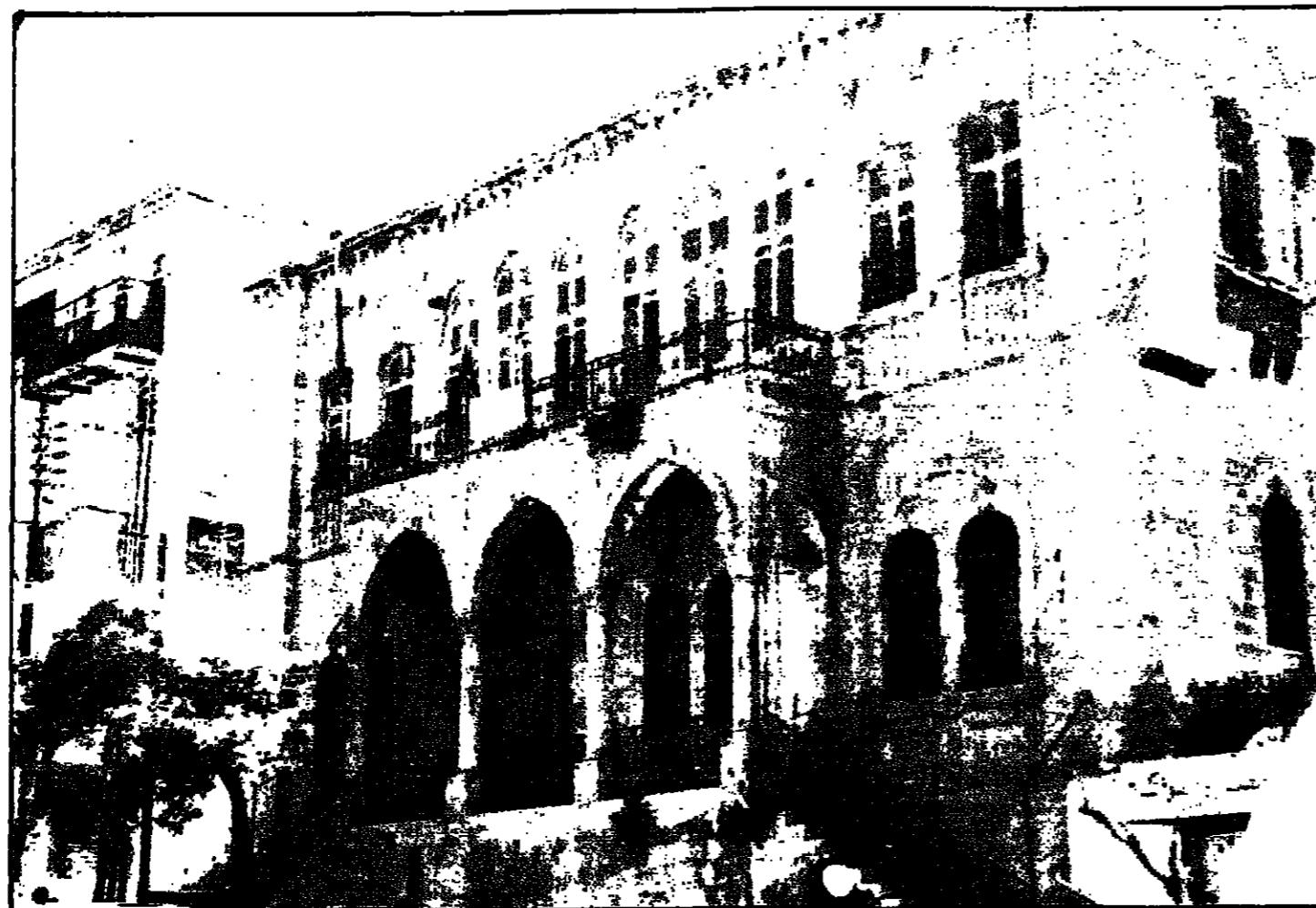
Old Salt: Inspiration for contemporary architects

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The fine old buildings that dominate the centre of the city of Salt have as much to offer today as they had when they were first constructed nearly a hundred years ago. The meticulous workmanship of the often exquisite architectural detailing still has the ability to impress, to stimulate and excite. Yet despite this, little has been written or documented about these structures, until recently.

Over the last year a team of architects and engineers from the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), the Ministry of Public Works and Housing and the University of Jordan have been documenting in some detail more than 180 houses in Salt in preparation for the first volume of a new publication, a Handbook of Architectural Heritage.

The handbook is part of The National Architectural Heritage of Jordan Project initiated by the Building Research Centre (BRC) at the RSS. This project which is being financed by the Ministry of Planning will eventually cover all the major cities of the country: Madaba, Karak, Amman etc., documenting in each case buildings that date from 1,700 and structures built before that date being protected by the Department of Antiquities. "The steering committee for the project has quickly realised that the money allocated for the entire project was small and the job huge," director of the BRC, Dr. Daoud Jabaji told the Jordan Times. "So we decided to start off with one town and Salt being the richest in terms of architectural heritage and close to Amman, was chosen. The Salt project will then be used



Beit Tonkan in Salt

as a model for the other cities that we will document in the future."

Surveying Salt

Under the guidance of deputy director of the BRC, Dr. Seyedin Muaz, the project manager, the team of architects and engineers began by making a thorough field survey of the old buildings in the city of Salt and its

surrounding area. Buildings constructed between the years 1700 and 1950 were included and the basic information collected comprised details of ownership, construction date, previous and present use, the condition of the building and the type of construction and materials used, all of which were illustrated with photographs, slides and sketches.

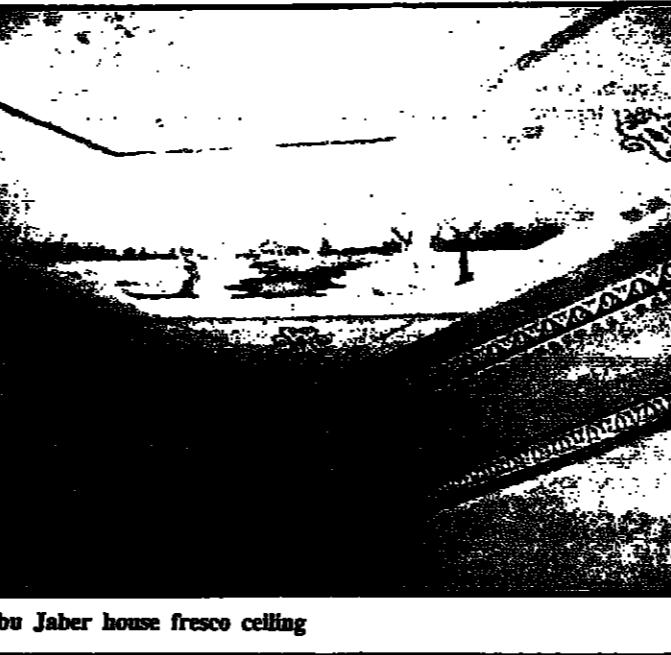
Completed in December of last year the survey was then reviewed in order to chose 20 buildings from the 180 surveyed that would best represent the architectural character of Salt. These final 20, which include such famous buildings as the old school, Beit Abu Jaber, the old mosque in Sharar Hamam, the English Church and Hospital, are now being more fully documented.

To be published on December 31, 1988, volume one of the handbook will eventually include comprehensive architectural drawings of plans, sections, elevations as well as structural and architectural details and photographs and slides. There will also be a written text describing the history of the buildings, the architectural details, constructors, shading devices, ventilation, thermal insulation, different methods of construction and materials used.

Dr. Jabaji feels that this text will add much to the handbook. "By becoming involved with the socio-economic history of these structures, by tracing their development and analysing how and why they were built that way, the book immediately becomes alive. We hope that this book will become a tool for our architects, from which they can draw inspiration and ideas, incorporating what they see into their own contemporary designs."



Abu Jaber house architectural detail



Abu Jaber house fresco ceiling



Detail from Salt

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16:45 Programme review
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22:30 Arabic play
23:00 News summary in Arabic
23:30 Play continued:

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19:00 News in French
19:15 Un DB de plus
19:25 News in French
20:00 News in Arabic
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22:00 News in English
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WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

* Permanent book exhibition, at Tower Building, Jabal Amman, 3rd Circle.

* Plastic art exhibition by Ghada Dabdah at Petra Art Gallery.

* An exhibition about flower arrangements by Nadeem Adnan Massoud at the French Cultural Centre.

* A permanent exhibition of plastic art by 27 Arab artist at the Plaza Hotel.

* An exhibition of art, folklore and Arabic calligraphy at Irbid Community College.

* Folklore exhibition at Huwarran Community College.

* An art exhibition by Lebanese artist Mahmoud Safa at Abu Art Gallery.

* Two exhibitions at the Goethe Institute: one is about the development of typesetting and mass printing and the other is about German Woodcuts.

CULTURAL CENTRES

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MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum": Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Hay Aru Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics

FOR THE TRAVELLER

QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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ARRIVALS ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

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10:15 Aqaba (RJ)

10:30 Cairo (RJ)

10:30 Kuwait (RJ)

10:30 Karachi, Dubai (RJ)

10:30 London (RJ)

10:55 Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (RJ)

17:45 Cairo (RJ)

18:30 New York, Vienna (RJ)

18:40 Athens (RJ)

19:00 Miami, Vienna (RJ)

19:05 Copenhagen, Frankfurt, (RJ)

20:40 Tripoli (RJ)

OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

02:45 Belgrade, Istanbul (JU)

12:30 Baghdad (JU)

15:45 Tripoli (LJ)

17:35 Riyadh (SV)

18:05 Cairo (MS)

18:05 Rome (AZ)

19:45 Kuwait (KU)

21:15 Frankfurt, Damascus (LJ)

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OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

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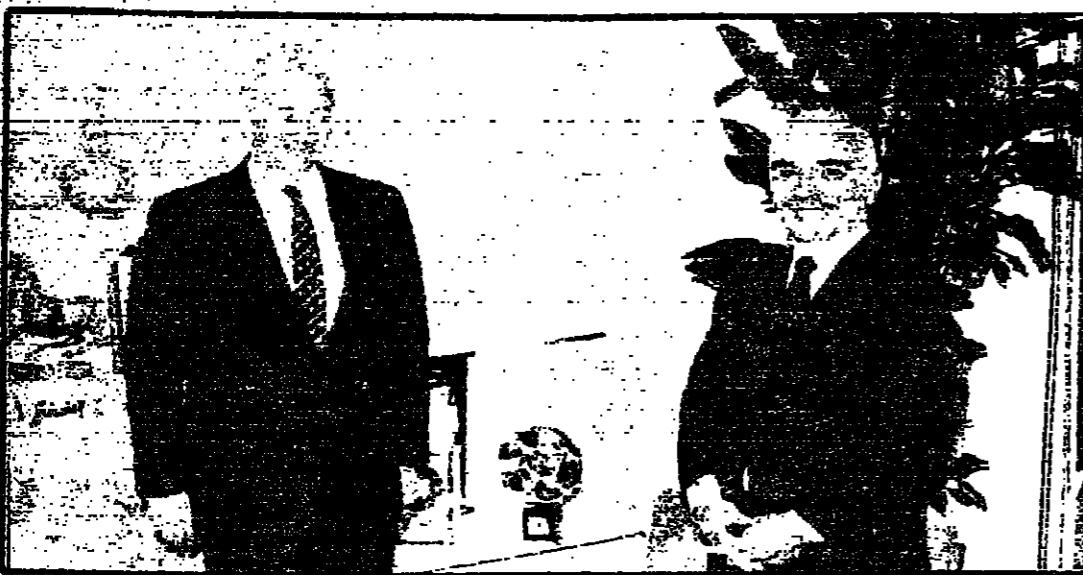
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NIGHT DUTY



His Majesty King Hussein and London Mayor Sir Greville Spratt pose for photographs at the Nadwa Palace Thursday. (Petra photo)

King, Queen receive London mayor

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor received at the Nadwa Palace Thursday visiting Mayor of London Sir Greville Spratt and Lady Spratt.

Spratt, who is on an official visit to Jordan at the invitation of the Greater Amman Municipality, expressed his admiration of Jordan's fast development in all fields.

He also paid tribute to King Hussein's efforts to promote development and progress for the Jordanian people.

Spratt expressed hope that the visit would serve as an incentive for developing and boosting cooperations between the municipalities of London and Amman.

The audience was in the presence of the Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Qasem, Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'uf Rawabdeh and senior officials.

Lawzi meets with Iraqi envoy

AMMAN (Petra) — Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi Thursday met with Iraqi Ambassador in Amman Ghafel Jasem Hussein and discussed with him existing brotherly relations between the two countries.

Lawzi voiced his pride in Iraq's victories and its liberation of the Fao peninsula and Al Shalamchir area. He also paid tribute to the sacrifices of the Iraqi people and the army in defence of Iraq and the Arab nation.

Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi has received two cables of good wishes on the occasion of Independence Day from the speakers of the East-German and Yugoslav parliaments.

In their cables, the speakers praised the existing relations between Jordan and their respective



Ahmad Al Lawzi
countries especially in the parliamentary field.

Lower House of Parliament Speaker Akef Al Fayed also received a similar cable of congratulation on the occasion from speaker of the Tunisian Parliament Rashid Sfar.

In his cable, Sfar expressed his hope that bilateral relations would be further bolstered to serve common Arab issues.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FAYEZ RETURNS: Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Akef Al Fayez Thursday returned to Amman after a two-week private visit to the United States and Britain.

ESCPWA MOVES TO AMMAN: Jordan has approved a request by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCPWA) to move its headquarters to Amman, according to a report in the local Arabic dailies. ESCPWA is expected to start its normal activities from Amman soon.

NIMER MEETS ENVOYS: Foreign Ministry Secretary General Nabil Al Nimer Thursday met separately with North Korean Ambassador in Amman and Kuwaiti charge d'affaires and reviewed with them boosting cooperation between Jordan and their respective countries.

7 SUMMER CLUBS: Minister of Education Thoukan Al Hindawi has decided to set up seven summer clubs at a number of schools in Balqa governorate during July 2 and Aug. 3. About 1,000 students will take part in the activities of these clubs which will include various cultural, sports and vocational activities.

INDEPENDENCE DAY: Schools in Karak governorate Thursday celebrated Independence Day with various activities which included sports and cultural contests.

EXHIBITION: A one-day handicraft exhibition was held Friday at the residence of British Ambassador in Amman Anthony Reeve. Proceeds of the exhibition, which is organised by the British Ladies of Amman in cooperation with Jordanian charitable organisations, will benefit needy children. The event is held annually in May.

ANTI-HIJACK FORCE: Jordan, along with 14 Arab countries has taken part in the second conference for officials in charge of borders, airports and ports in Arab countries concluded Thursday in Tunis. The conference called for the formation of an Arab anti-hijack force. The conference, organised by the council of Arab Interior Ministers, also called for intensified security and protective measures on airplanes and at airports.

Zawaideh inspects Dead Sea road project

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh Friday inspected progress of work at the Amman-Naour-Dead Sea Road project.

The minister met with engineers and consultants supervising the construction of the project and discussed with them a number of technical and engineering issues related to the implementation of the project.

The project consists of four lanes with a total length of about 36 k.m.

The road, which starts from the Queen Alia International Airport, is part of the ministry plan to upgrade road network in the Kingdom.

The road will be used for transportation of agricultural products from the Jordan Valley and the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It will also facilitate the movement of travellers and trucks.

Tarawneh leaves for Geneva talks

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Civil Defence Department (CDD) Director General Khaled Tarawneh left Amman for Switzerland to take part in a meeting by an international organisation concerned with providing protection to civilians.

The two day meeting in Geneva will revise work in civil protection carried out in the past year and a working plan for the coming two years.

Minister of Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureikat is due to leave Amman Saturday for Geneva to head Jordan's delegation to the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) meeting which opens on June 1.

The minister will be accompanied by a delegation from his ministry, representatives from the Jordanian employers and the Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions.

Kaplanian's watercolours are documentation of antiquities

By Salameh Boulos
Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN — The works of artist George Sarkis Kaplanian currently on show at the Goethe Institute can best be described as a modern attempt to emulate the works of European orientalists of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Naturally, only history may be the judge on the endurance of his work as well as that of other artists who presently document antiquities in this part of the world.

Kaplanian's watercolours of historic sites in Jordan, Palestine and Syria are more a documentation of antiquities and familiar old-city scenes rather than art works for arts sake. His paintings depict sites such as the Amira Palace, citadels, the market scene in Salt and the Abu Jaber building.

The artist likes to see his work as "clear with classical purity in the line and movement." The



George Kaplanian

leaflet distributed at his exhibition says his colours "express the shades of the Middle East in their best natural setting, with bright sunlight set in contrast with deep shadows."

A consensus seems to have emerged among art collectors visiting his exhibition that the

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watercolours consisted mostly of scenes painted several times before and that these served as items representative of mainly the architecture in this part of the world. The paintings are perceived as combination of documentation and commercial art, stressed in the repetitive themes in the works.

Kaplanian's work, stretching since his first exhibition in 1964 until today, seems to be persistently revolving around the same style and technique with little change in content or vision.

Greater Amman to have central laboratory

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Work is underway for the establishment of a central laboratory for Greater Amman Municipality to carry out tests on water and food samples, and another laboratory for testing insects and their effects, according to Dr. Raghib Kamal, director of the municipality's Laboratory Services Department.

Kamal said that his department was concerned with all issues related to drinking water and food consumed by the people in the capital.

All samples should be safe for human consumption and should conform to recognised specifications and standards, Kamal noted.

He said that all types of food and drinking water are continuously tested to ensure that they contain no contamination or germs that might cause any harm to people. "Special attention is being given to drinking water to ensure it contains no chemicals or germs," Kamal noted.

The director of the municipality's agricultural unit Maha Haddadin said that her department was concerned with inspecting all water networks and water reservoirs.

"All efforts are being made to ensure that water reaching citizens in the capital is pure and potable and is odourless and free of all germs," Haddadin noted. She said her department last year conducted laboratory tests on 3,460 samples of water taken from private or public-owned wells, water cisterns and reservoirs.

The municipality's endeavours coincide with efforts on the part of the Health and Water and Irrigation Ministries in providing potable and pure water for Amman citizens.

Water and Irrigation Minister Ahmad Dakhaqan last Tuesday said that the water supply in Amman and elsewhere in the Kingdom was free of any chemical or bacterial contamination.

He told a press conference that a recent six-day interruption of water supply to Marka and neighbouring areas east of Amman was due to technical faults in the water network in that district. The interruption of water supply coincided with a number of diarrhoea cases in that area, a matter that prompted the ministry to conduct laboratory tests on water.

These tests, he said, proved that the water was quite pure and free of all contamination and that water pumped to the eastern districts of Amman had no relation whatsoever with the diarrhoea cases which appeared in these districts.

Ministry urges pilgrims to register

AMMAN (Petra) — Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry has called on all Muslims wishing to perform pilgrimage to Mecca this year to call at the authorised transport companies to register their names before next Wednesday, the deadline for registering people.

The ministry's Haj Department director said that the ministry has allowed privately-owned cars and pick-up vehicles to transport close relatives to Mecca and back.

AULT elects new board members

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The Arab Union of Land Transport (AULT) has concluded its general assembly-meetings in Amman by electing new members for the union's board to serve for the coming four years.

The board chairman is Ayas Safi from Iraq who is assisted by a deputy and a secretary general from North Yemen and Jordan respectively.

The new board groups nine members representing land transport organisations in Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Tunisia, Palestine and Libya.

The general assembly meeting discussed a future plan for the union and endorsed a 1988 budget.



Her Majesty Queen Noor presents an award to a veteran nurse Thursday (right) Queen Noor attends the ceremony honouring veteran nurses (Petra photos)

Jordan honours veteran nurses

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Veteran Jordanian nurses and midwives, working at government hospitals and health centres, were honoured Thursday at a ceremony held under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor.

The main speaker at the ceremony was Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh who underlined the importance of the nursing profession for the Jordanian society.

"More and more women are now joining the profession. The Ministry of Health is introducing facilities and measures to absorb all the applicants, and is opening nursing institutes and colleges around the Kingdom," Hamzeh said.

The Health Ministry has set up a college for training instructors, which is expected to open its doors to 15 of them early September.

The graduates, he said, will be employed in Ministry of Health nursing colleges in Karak and Balqa governorates, Hamzeh noted.

The minister underlined the importance of humanitarian ser-

vices offered by nurses to the community and the status nurses are assuming in the Jordanian society.

According to the Health Ministry's Planning, Training and Research Department there is at present a total of 2,055 qualified nurses in the Kingdom of whom, 559 are non-Jordanians.

Department officials said that Jordan has a capacity to train 280 nurses annually, and by the end of 1988 there will be at least 1,496 nurses in the country.

In a lecture delivered in Aqaba in March Hamzeh said that Jordan still lacks a sufficient number of nurses and midwives to work in health centres run by the govern-

ment.

He said the ministry has concluded contracts with nurses from China and will shortly draw up contracts with nurses from Poland specialising in the treatment of mental diseases.

At the ceremony on Thursday, one of the nurses made a speech thanking the Queen for attending the ceremony.

Later Queen Noor distributed gifts and Health Ministry awards to the group of 37 veteran nurses.

Hamzeh presented the Queen with the Health Ministry shield in recognition of her continued efforts to support the nursing profession in Jordan.

Hamzeh inaugurates Scientific Day for surgeons

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Friday inaugurated the second Scientific Day for the Ear, Nose and Throat surgeons, held at the Professional Associations Complex.

Hamzeh stressed the importance of holding such a meeting, saying it is a landmark along the

path to the advancement of this medical specialisation.

Hamzeh highlighted the importance of scientific discussions for doctors, is not an examination board only, but also a medical education board, which organises scientific days and lectures.

Hamzeh stressed the need for

inviting lectures and professors from abroad to take part in lectures and seminars.

Taking part in the Scientific Day were doctors from Ministry of Health, Royal Medical Services, University of Jordan and private sectors.

Canadian Defence College team in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation from the National Defence College of Canada arrived in Jordan Friday.

The college overseas field study group is composed of 41 members and is led by Major General Frank Norman, commandant of the college.

The National Defence College was founded in 1947 and is located in Kingston, Ontario

Each year it conducts a programme of studies for senior military and civilian officials of political, economic, social and military affairs affecting Canada's national security, a Canadian embassy press release said.

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As part of its international study programme, the college visits selected countries in North and South America, Europe, the

Middle East, Asia and Africa to examine at first hand issues of major strategic importance, including those of the Middle East, other regional questions, deterrence and disarmament, East-West matters and North-South relations as they affect the countries concerned.

While in Jordan, the college

Iranians fortify border after defeat

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kilometres east of the war-tattered southern Iraqi port city of Basra, Iranian troops were visible in the distance as they hastily built new fortifications.

The Iraqi officers said their forces, led by elite Presidential Guards, routed the Iranians in a five-pronged offensive launched Wednesday morning that lasted just over 10 hours.

A senior officer said Iraqi troops backed by tanks, artillery, jet fighters and helicopter gunships retook the Fao peninsula, which had been in Iranian hands since February 1986.

The attack was spearheaded by tanks, part of Iraq's heavily mechanised armed forces, facing more lightly armed but sometimes fanatical Iranian Revolutionary Guards and volunteers.

The officer said those Iranian troops that were not killed or wounded fled to the other side of the border.

This observation post is located where the Iranians pushed their troops into Iraq in their January 1987 offensive that eventually pestered out just 10 kilometres from

Basra.

Iranian army jeeps, trucks and ammunition stocks, some in good shape and usable, were abandoned by the Iranians along the tracks they built to approach their main defence points.

Western military analysts esti-

mated that between 35,000 and 40,000 Iraqi troops took part in this week's offensive, but reliable casualty estimates were not yet available.

Reporters counted 400 Iranian prisoners of war being held here.

The analysts said about 25,000 Iranians were believed to have been killed in the 1987 offensive but perhaps 10,000 Iraqis.

Iraq has gone on the offensive recently after more than two years of defensive tactics in the ground war. On April 18 Iraqi forces retook the Fao peninsula, which had been in Iranian hands since February 1986.

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"They are concentrated on Hormuz now, it's like their territory and no one can touch them there," a Gulf shipping source said.

The gulfboats hit the 18,000-tonne Maltese bulk carrier Don Miguel early Friday, starting fires in the engine room and crew quarters which still burned hours later.

Nearby, salvage tugs fought a fire on the 15,530-tonne Mundogas Rio, attacked Thursday night. A tug took the Greek

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ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Friday's

Al Ra'i: Reagan's crusade

ON Sunday U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev meet in yet another summit in Moscow where "nuclear armament" will be at the top of a list of subjects to be discussed. Reagan is expected also to defend human rights of Jews living in the Soviet Union which he gives priority to other issues of world concern. Reagan, in a statement before leaving Washington for Helsinki on his way to Moscow, expressed his deep pain to see the Berlin wall dividing the two Germanies but failed to mention anything at all about Jerusalem and Israeli terrorism exercised against the Arabs in that city. Neither did he express his support for the rights of the Arab people nor for their rights in their land and holy places in Jerusalem, and the human rights of the Palestinians which are day and night being violated by the Israeli occupation forces. Reagan chose to advocate the cause of the Soviet Jews who Israel claims are living under oppression, but did not mention anything about the Palestinian people who suffer under Israeli yoke and the atrocities committed by the Israeli soldiers in Arab towns and refugee camps. For this reason, the Arabs have cause to believe that the Palestine issue will barely receive any attention at the superpower summit in the Soviet capital.

Al Dustour: Israeli terrorism

ISRAEL'S new series of attacks on southern Lebanon reaffirm the fact that the Zionists are still adhering to their policy of terrorism in dealing with their neighbours and the Arabs under their rule. Israel, by launching these attacks, is proving to the world its evil nature and trying to impose its will on any Arab states that does not comply with its whims and desires. There is no doubt that the unlimited support and military help which Israel is getting from the United States remains the prime cause for such action and the main encouragement for the Israeli rulers to pursue their terrorist policies against the Arabs. The United States has been resorting to its right of veto to kill any condemnation by the U.N. Security Council of Israel's actions and inhuman practices and has been supporting Israel's aggression on the Arabs. At the same time, Washington has never expressed its condemnation of Israel's demolition of Arab homes and the killing of innocent Palestinian people. Israel's fresh attacks on Lebanon coincide with its stepped up atrocities inside the occupied Arab territories.

Sawt Al Shaab: Iraq thwarts Iranian dreams

IRAQ'S victories over the Iranian invaders constitute a clear indication of the end of Arab weakness in confronting their common enemies. The Iraqi might is thwarting all the dreams of the Iranian rulers to establish a Persian empire on Arab land; the stand of the Iraqi armed forces along the battlefield remains a source of pride for all Arabs. The Iraqis, through their victories over the invaders, are providing protection to the Arab order and defending the nation's interests. As we feel proud of the Iraqi people's endeavours we also feel proud of the Palestinian people's struggle against the Israeli enemy. We are proud of the uprising which is turning the Israeli power futile and proving to the world the evil nature of the Zionist state. The continuation of the uprising, coinciding with the Iraqi successes in the battlefield, are both good indications of the brighter future for the Arab people who aspire peace and an end to all external aggression.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Victorious Iraq calls for peace

THE Iraqi armed forces have achieved a great victory at the Shalamjeh region by defeating the Iranians east of Basra and liberating Iraqi territory. The liberation came shortly after the Iraqi forces liberated the Euphrates peninsula after two years of Iranian occupation. While Iraq is achieving these victories it is calling on Iran to make peace and end the war, and has organised an international conference on peace now being held in Baghdad. These victories and these developments at the Iraq-Iran front provide evidence that the retreat and recession of Arab force is now at an end, and indicate that the time has come for the Arab Nation to liberate all its occupied territories. Perhaps the uprising in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip bears another indication that the weakness that has characterised the Arab World for so long has ended and that new endeavours and new strength has been infused in the nation enabling it to rise against the aggressors and liberate usurped lands. The call for peace in Iraq and Palestine is now taking a new dimension as it is supported by Arab power and by determination for achieving freedom and liberation. It is time for Iran and Israel to realise the truth about the situation in the region and to accept U.N. Resolutions for peace.

Al Dustour: Eye-opener for Iranians

FOR the second time in five weeks the Iraqi armed forces achieved a great victory over the Iranians, driving them away from Arab land. The Iraqis have dealt a severe blow to the Iranians east of Basra killing many of their troops and evicting them from Iraqi territory. The new victory proves once again the Iraqi armed forces might in confronting aggression and the Iraqi people's determination and will to thwart the ambitions of the Iranian rulers. The Iranian defeat in battles along the front, at sea and in the air proves the heavy burden on the Iranian people and the total isolation they are feeling now within the international community for their intransigence and their rejection of peace. The new defeat will not doubt open the Iranian people's eyes on new facts and will prove to them that there can be no way to end the war except through peaceful negotiations. We all hope that the new defeats for Iran will serve as a lesson for the Tehran regime and make them more prepared to accept peaceful co-existence with their neighbours. We salute the Iraqi armed forces and feel with confidence that they will come out victorious in the end.

Palestinians killed by Israeli occupation forces, settlers and civilians during the uprising

Editor's note: The Palestinian Human Rights Information Centre (PHRIC) in Jerusalem has been publishing an "uprising update", which aims to clarify the existing human rights situation as it develops in the occupied territories, as the uprising enters its sixth month. The information bulletin is distributed in cooperation with the Database Project on Palestinian Human Rights, whose international office is in Chicago. These updates will be published in the Jordan Times as they are received. Included in these information bulletins are lists of those killed during the

uprising, as confirmed by the International Committee of the Red Cross, lists of detainees, and updated human rights reports as they develop. While some sources and background material is publicly available, most of the information comes from first hand reports, fieldworker visits to hospitals, refugee camps, towns and villages, and from working relationships between the PHRIC and other institutions in the occupied territories. The material is collected and verified in Jerusalem and sent to Chicago, where the updates are produced and distributed internationally.

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TOTAL DEATHS TO DATE: 250
Deaths From Gunfire To Date: 175
Deaths From Other Causes To Date: 75

Deaths from Gunfire

DATE	NAME, AGE	RESIDENCE	SEX	CONTEXT
1/5/13	Muhib Zeid Mahmud Abu Zeid, 30	Kabatya, JENIN	M	Shot in raid on home
1/4/12	Abdul Raja' Aiyeh, 21	Ts'amari, BETHLEHEM	M	Shot in spine 3/30
1/3/9	Ibrahim Mohammad Hussein, 34	Deirche Ref Camp, BETH	M	Shot in head
1/2/9	Juda Abdalla Awad Sharif, 28	Turmos Ayeh, RAMALLAH	S	Shot in head (See 5/14 Update)
1/1/9	Rizak Hussien Sabah, 17	Jalalya Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot in head
1/0/9	Jamal Mahmud al-Madum, 20	Jalalya Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot in neck
1/6/9	Nidal Saleem Balut Mansara, 18	Bani Na'im, NABLUS	M	Shot in head
1/6/9	Omar Abdul Hamid Mansara, 18	Bani Na'im, NABLUS	M	Shot in head
1/6/9	Khaled Rafiq Khader Amira, 23	Nusseirat Ref Camp, NABLUS	M	Shot through arms and body
1/6/9	Hassan Abdulla al-Buhri, 80	Ein Beit al-Maz, NABLUS	M	Shot 5/1 both legs
1/6/9	Naim Yusuf Abu Farha, 22	Faku', JENIN	M	Shot
1/6/9	Sari Hilal, 38	Kufri Malek, RAMALLAH	M	Shot in neck
1/6/9	Arij Ismael al-Dek, 14	Kufri Deik, TULKARM	M	Shot by sniper
1/6/9	Abd Hassan Ayyash, 25	Beit Rush a-Tuba, HEBRON	M	Shot in neck and back (3 bullet)
1/6/9	Mohammed Fayed Abu Ali, 25	Bani Suheila, GAZA	M	Shot
1/6/9	Mohammed Hassan Nasser, 20	Nusseirat Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot in chest
1/7/9	Nizar Moh'd Ahmad Massad, 26	Fakua, JENIN	M	Shot after houses demolished
1/6/8	Ayda Utman Totali, 36	Zeitoun, GAZA	M	Shot in chest
1/5/8	Ahmad Massi Mabu' Zarub, 20	Rafah, GAZA	M	Shot in back
1/4/8	Farid Ahmad Abu Daras, 25	Khan Yunis, GAZA	M	Shot
1/4/8	Imad Omar Abu Kanar	Khan Yunis, GAZA	M	Shot
1/4/8	Zaid Tawfiq Amareh, 14	Yaabid, JENIN	M	Shot in head
1/4/8	Munir Ismael al-Tatari, 32	Jalalya Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot 4/16
1/4/8	Hala' Awad al-Amri, 20	Habla, TULKARM	M	Shot
1/4/8	Muhie Ekmait, 20	Kabatya, JENIN	M	Shot
1/4/8	Hilmi Ibrahim Abdallah, 23	JENIN	M	Shot
1/4/8	Fawzi Karawi, 40	Jenin Ref Camp, JENIN	M	Shot
1/4/8	Fikri Ibrahim al-Daghmi, 22	Absa, GAZA	M	Shot
1/4/8	Abdul Muhsen Hanoun, 19	Khan Yunis, GAZA	M	Shot
1/4/8	Bassam al-Harin, 25	Jenin Ref Camp, JENIN	M	Shot
1/4/8	Aymar Abu Ammer, 22	Rafah, GAZA	M	Shot
1/4/8	Atwa Abu Sharif, 17	Rafah, GAZA	M	Shot
1/4/8	Taysed al-Bogi, 17	Breij, GAZA	M	Shot
1/4/8	Jamal Hussein Shehadeh, 17	NABLUS	M	Shot at al-Asmar funeral
1/4/8	Nasser Hamed al-Lidawi, 22	NABLUS	M	Shot in heart
1/4/8	Wael Hassan al-Asmar, 25	NABLUS	M	Shot in head and leg
1/4/8	Fouad Aziz, 21	Kufri Ra', JENIN	M	Shot in back
1/4/8	Moh'd Abdil Khader Yashua, 20	Kufri Ra', JENIN	M	Shot in chest
1/4/8	Jalal Mohammad Mihelm, 21	Kufri Ra', JENIN	M	Shot in stomach (husb. Wajih)
1/4/8	Yusef Rabii, 35	Deir Abu Mish'al, RMLH	M	Shot (See Beta Report)
1/4/8	Ossam Abdal Halim, 15	Beta, NABLUS	S	Shot in head (See Report)
1/4/8	Hatem Farouq Abd al-Jabber, 19	Beta, NABLUS	M	Shot in stomach 3/30
1/4/8	Musa Daoud Bani Sama'a, 20	Bani Suheila, GAZA	M	Shot
1/4/8	Hamzeh Ibrahim Abu Shab, 20	Bani Na'im, HEBRON	M	Shot
1/4/8	Hamed Abdil Muhibh Ze'dat, 20	Beta, NABLUS	M	Shot
1/4/8	Ali Diab Abu Ali, 21	Sabra, GAZA	S	Shot
1/4/8	Ahmad Khiam Kurdi, 45	Sabra, GAZA	S	Shot
1/4/8	Janil Reched Kurdi, 55	Sabra, GAZA	S	Shot
1/4/8	Khader Matmud Ahmed, 41	Deir Zataz, RAMALLAH	M	Shot
1/4/8	Jihad Mahmud 'Asi, 16	Beta Leqa', RAMALLAH	M	Shot in stomach
1/4/8	Saleh Khalil Shefer, 23	BETHLEHEM	M	Shot in head
1/4/8	Ishaq Nimer Sleimi, 18	Ihwa, HEBRON	M	Shot
1/4/8	Jamal Khalil Tmeizi, 20	Ihwa, HEBRON	M	Shot in chest
1/3/8	Moh'd Fares Moh'd Ziben, 25	Yanoun, JENIN	M	Shot 3/30
1/3/8	Steiman Ahmad Jundi, 18	Yanoun, JENIN	M	Shot in stomach
1/3/8	Husni Mohammad Shatini, 24	Yanoun, JENIN	M	Shot in chest
1/3/8	Abdul Karim Moh'd Hatabka, 25	Shuyukh, HEBRON	M	Shot in chest
1/3/8	Khaled Af'e Qessem Salab, 22	Burka, NABLUS	M	Shot in chest
1/3/8	Shaker Ali Moh'd Malassa, 26	Deir Bazz, RAMALLAH	M	Shot in heart by sniper
1/3/8	Wajeh Yusef Rabii, 35	Deir Bazz, RAMALLAH	M	Shot in leg, then neck
1/3/8	Hussein Khalil Odeh, 19	Safita, NABLUS	M	Shot 3/27
1/3/8	Yasser Ibrahim Khuriyah, 15	Maythaloun, JENIN	M	Shot in chest
1/3/8	Palmer Daoud Neftal, 27	Maythaloun, JENIN	M	Shot in chest
1/3/8	Osamah Abdal Rahabah, 23	Maythaloun, JENIN	M	Shot in neck
1/3/8	Ghassan Abdal Neftal, 17	Maythaloun, JENIN	M	Shot in heart
1/3/8	Awad Qassem Ibrahim, 30	Kufri Thaleth, TULKARM	M	Shot in chest
1/3/8	Majeed Hussien Dheib, 19	Kufri Thaleth, TULKARM	M	Shot in heart
1/3/8	Ayad Tukki Salab (Khalil), 21	Zawatah, NABLUS	M	Shot in heart 3/25
1/3/8	Abdul Hassan Murakat, 18	Tarkumia, HEBRON	M	Shot in liver
1/3/8	Walid Abdul Fatah Fafta, 18	Tarkumia, HEBRON	M	Shot in chest
1/3/8	Mohammed Ali Abu Zur, 20	Balata Ref Camp, NABLUS	M	Shot in neck
1/3/8	Majed Sawalmeh, 21	Balata Ref Camp, NABLUS	M	Shot in chest (2 bullets)
1/3/8	Hikmat Daraghneh, 26	Toubas, JENIN	M	Shot
1/3/8	Abdel Ahmed Faber, 19	Rafah Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot in chest
1/3/8	Khaled Mohammad Taber, 29	Nazif Issa, TULKARM	M	Shot 3/14
1/3/8	Mohamed Hadi Hussien Milleh, 30	Kfar Dan, JENIN	M	Shot in head
1/3/8	Hani Ibrahim Abu Hammam, 23	Shari' Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot in liver
1/3/8	Moh'd Makhlum Khaled, 19	Ein al-Ma', NABLUS	M	Shot in thigh
1/3/8	Sabri Abu Sharar, 25	Khan Yunis, GAZA	M	Shot in heart
1/3/8	Hisham Daoud Aloush, 23	Najil al-Issa, TULKARM	M	Shot in neck
1/3/8	Ashraf Makhlum Ibrahim, 22	Nur Shams Ref Camp, TLKRM	M	Shot

ILO voices concern over Gaza

GENEVA (R) — An International Labour Organisation (ILO) committee has expressed concern at physical harassment and threats against trade unionists in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip.

The Committee on Freedom of Association, in a report to the organisation's governing body published Friday, noted that according to Israel's reply to a complaint about the matter, no charges had been made against any of the men.

The governing body, in its recommendations, said that "the apprehension and systematic or arbitrary interrogation by the police of trade union leaders involves a danger of abuse."

The complaint was submitted by the Gaza Building Workers' and Carpenters' Union and the Gaza Commercial and Public Services Workers' Union, which reported violations of trade union rights in the Gaza Strip.

They said the unions there had been inactive since 1967 as the occupation authorities continually restricted their activities.

The complaint, submitted July 23 last year, said that June 2 an officer known to them as "Colonel Rubin" and other soldiers stormed the headquarters of the union, ordering unionists to freeze and to present their identity cards.

One of the union members, Hussein Abu Nar, was summoned to the military government headquarters and forced to wait in the hot sun from early morning to two p.m., when he was told to return the next day.

The following day, after another eight-hour wait, he was given a written order by the military governor preventing him from practising any union activities. Other unionists were also interrogated.

In its reply to the ILO, the Israeli authorities said they recognis

ed freedom of association and whenever any steps had been taken against trade unions this was because of "terrorist acts, subversion or other "illegal" activities.

It said the workers' association in Gaza had since 1984 become a focus of activity for "terrorist" organisations and the executive council of the unions which filed the complaint included at least seven persons earlier convicted of felonies.

The ILO committee noted that the military court judgments cited by the government dated back in some cases to the early 1970s and prison sentences that were given had been served.

The governing body, in its conclusions, said the practice of giving a broad interpretation to legislation on trade union elections so as to deprive certain persons of the right to hold elected posts was not consistent with freedom of association.

Choueri, who did not say

Lebanon lodges complaint over Israel's expulsions

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Lebanon has complained that Israel had expelled 17 inhabitants from a village inside Israel's self-declared "security zone" in southern Lebanon and called on the United Nations to secure their return.

In a letter to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, released Thursday, Lebanese chargé d'affaires Chawki Choueri said the 17 were expelled Tuesday from Chatila, in the southern Bekaa region.

He said they had committed no crime that would justify such action "other than their refusal to comply with pressure from the occupation forces to establish a local civilian administration which would be subject to and would collaborate with the occupying power."

The fourth convention deals with the treatment of civilians in time of war.

where the expelled were now, said they included the village's religious and civic leaders, three headmasters, a teacher, an official in charge of the centre for social affairs, and other civil servants.

He told the secretary general: "In condemning and deplored this dangerous action, the government of Lebanon requests that you intervene, rapidly and effectively, for the return of the deportees to their village, in order to prevent the establishment of new precedents for Israeli practices in Lebanese territory, and that you call upon Israel to comply in full with the Geneva conventions, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949."

"There is now an international consensus not only on the need for a settlement but on an international conference," he said.

Israel has recently reached an agreement with the Soviet Union to send an Israeli consular delegation to Moscow for the first time in 21 years, according to the foreign ministry.

Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky told Davar's special correspondent in Moscow:

"The subject of diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Israel is simple now: The sooner we decide on convening an international conference, just as soon diplomatic relations between the two countries will be renewed."

The Soviet Union severed ties with the Zionist state following the 1967 war and has renewed low-level contacts in the past year.

Davar quoted Petrovsky as saying he hoped the Soviet and U.S. leaders would make progress on the Middle East issue at their Moscow summit meeting starting Sunday.

Both parties favour an international peace conference including the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council but differ on the powers of the conference to impose a solution.

Petrovsky was quoted as saying: "The conference is not an object in and of itself, but an important element that can give a framework to start a process towards comprehensive peace and the solution of all problems."

Israeli leaders say the Soviets must first renew diplomatic ties and grant more exit visas for Jews wishing to leave the Soviet Union.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Thursday on Israel Radio that the granting of visas for six Israeli diplomats "should not be viewed as a change, and certainly not as a fundamental substantive change in Soviet policy towards Israel and the Jewish people."

"They told us an independent Palestinian state is no longer their preferred option. They speak of federation (with Jordan)," said the official reporting on contacts between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and his aides with Soviet officials in Madrid, Washington and Geneva this month.

"They have not written off a Palestinian state but they are not advocating it as the exclusive solution as in the past," added the official who asked not to be named.

"They said they would not be surprised if the other (Arab) parties decided against it (a Palestinian state)," said the official who spoke at a special briefing for foreign reporters.

In another development, an Israeli spokesman said Thursday, the Soviet Union had agreed to collaborate with a team of Western scholars headed by an Israeli rabbi in researching the Soviet collections of Judaica.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz would be also allowed to open an institute in the Soviet Union to train Jewish scholars and religious leaders.

Labour chooses 'doves' as candidates

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — The Israeli Labour Party has signalled a shift to the left as it chose 29 of its candidates for the upcoming general elections in an unprecedented vote by its central committee.

At least 11 of the candidates chosen Thursday by the 1,267-member committee are known for their left-wing views, and 16 will be running for the Knesset for the first time.

Left-wing delegates included Ora Namir and Lova Eliav, the committee's first two choices, Avraham Burg, an activist in the Peace Now Movement; Yossi Beilin, party leader Shimon Peres' closest aide; and Ephraim Singer, leader of the party's young guard.

The committee also elected two Arab candidates, including a woman, as well as a member of the Druze community.

In the current Labour parliamentary delegation, most members are more centrist in their views.

The delegates named Thursday join 23 others chosen earlier by party district committees. Nine senior party leaders, including Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, did not face election.

In the past, the candidates were chosen by a small committee of power brokers and rubber stamped by the central committee.

Israelis vote for parties, not individual candidates. Each party sends a number of delegates to the 120-seat parliament proportionate to the number of votes it has received, beginning with the first candidate on its list.

Labour will run 61 active candidates, a hoped-for majority, along with a number of "honorary" hopefuls chosen from the party faithful. But recent polls show the party winning about 40 seats in the elections scheduled Nov. 1.

The prominence of "doves" on the Labour list could prove an election obstacle, political sources quoted by Reuters said.

Opinion polls have shown voters moving steadily to the right in reaction to the five-month uprising by Palestinians in the occupied territories.

But Labour spokeswoman Michal Cohen said hardliners such as Rabin would also be placed high on the party's election list.

Eliav, 66, died during his time outside the Labour Party to open talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). His efforts ended when his main contact, Dr. Issam Sarawi, was shot dead in Lisbon.

Eliav was voted in as candidate by more than 75 per cent of the 1,267 central committee members meeting outside Tel Aviv throughout Thursday. He appeared sure of a safe spot on the party slate, political sources said.

Several serving Knesset (parliament) members failed to be voted in again by the central committee and some, like hawkish ex-diplomat Simcha Dinitz, declined to run.

Veteran politician Abba Eban, noted for moderate positions, just narrowly managed to be voted in as a candidate but with so few votes he may not get a safe place on the party list, the sources said.

Labour's main rivals, the right-wing Likud Bloc, choose their candidates in a few weeks time.

The two parties are sharing power in an uneasy coalition which stems from inconclusive elections in 1984.

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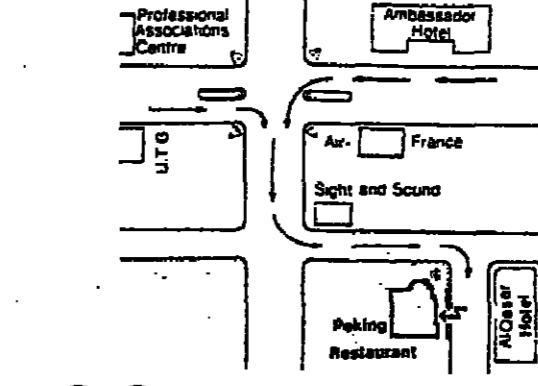
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Greece, Turkey reach accord on measures to build trust

ATHENS (R) — Greece and Turkey, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) allies which almost went to war last year, agreed on measures Friday aimed at improving their relations.

A joint communiqué, issued after high-level talks in Athens, said the two countries would lift visa restrictions on each other's diplomats and seek closer cooperation in combating terrorism, illicit drugs and smuggling.

The four-day meeting between Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias and Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz was aimed at furthering a peace process launched by their prime ministers in Davos, Switzerland, in January.

The foreign ministers discussed a number of deeply-divisive issues which have brought them

close to war on several occasions in recent years, but decided to leave efforts to resolve these problems to their prime ministers at an upcoming meeting.

The East Mediterranean neighbours have been at odds for years over Cyprus, control of airspace over the Aegean Sea region and the conduct of military exercises in the area.

Prime ministers Andreas Papandreou of Greece and Turkey Ozal of Turkey are due to meet in Athens June 13-15, and such problems as the Turkish military occupation of Cyprus and other volatile issues are certain to be raised.

The joint communiqué said the foreign ministers signed a memorandum of understanding concerning military activities on the high seas and in international airspace. The ministers agreed to abolish

visa requirements for diplomats from June this year, and pledged to refrain from provocative statements which might hurt the Davos peace process.

They also endorsed recent moves by their representatives at the NATO headquarters of the NATO to clear the way for construction work on NATO projects in their countries.

In the past, the two countries have vetoed plans for major improvements on military facilities used by NATO in the neighbouring state.

The recent developments have given a green light for NATO funding and construction of a missile boat installation on the Greek island of Skiros and for building communication facilities in the Turkish Dardanelles Straits leading to Istanbul.

Issues related to the killings, shootings

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on the 16th died of their wounds the next day.

Serious injuries

Estimates of the number of reported serious injuries ranged at about 2000 as of the end of Jan. but these estimates represent only a small portion of the number of people actually injured. A group of American physicians visiting the territories in Feb. estimated the total number of injuries at perhaps 33,000 on the West Bank and 5,000 in Gaza. In general, Palestinians do not want knowledge of their injuries known, if at all possible, to prevent subsequent arrest.

Medical treatment is also decentralised and record keeping incomplete. Checking on numbers of injuries has been hampered further by the imposition of curfews, preventing entry and exit to many sites. One medical relief committee estimates that it has seen some 12,000 people since the uprising began.

Tear gas-related deaths

The exact cause of tear gas-related deaths is uncertain. It could be that the deprivation of oxygen or the effect of the gas on blood circulation places a strain on sectors of the population at risk: infants, pregnant women and their unborn babies, old people, persons with respiratory or heart conditions. It may also be the result of toxins released (e.g., cyanide) when the chemicals

break down. Types CS and CN tear gas, which are in use, are lethal in high concentrations, especially in enclosed spaces. CS powder enters the respiratory system and lodges in blood cells, fatty tissue, and mucus membranes. Also the powder can stick to the skin and cause burning and wells on the body. Warnings against the use in enclosed spaces are on the tear gas canisters; nonetheless the gas continues to be used in high concentrations in enclosed areas.

Intrauterine fetal mortality

This table does not include information on intrauterine fetal deaths among women in the last trimester of pregnancy who have been exposed to high concentrations of tear gas. While the exact number of these deaths is unknown (many occur when people are under curfew and cannot obtain medical aid; these deaths remain unreported) physicians estimate that in Gaza alone, as of the end of February, there had been at least 80 fetal deaths.

On the night of March 7-8 alone, 11 fetal deaths were reported among women in four Gaza refugee camps. While hard epidemiological evidence is lacking, some significant connection between the tear gas and the stillbirth seems clear. UNRWA is currently involved in a systematic study of the problem.

forward with confidence to the results of an inquiry into the shooting by a board which will report to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Major General Guenther Greindl said he was confident an inquiry into the May 21 killing of farmer Moustafa Hussein Kaffa would show he and the U.N. force acted impartially and within its mandate.

Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash said Greindl was responsible for what he called the murder of Kaffa after persistent U.N. persecution of him.

"I consider the charges made against UNFICYP (U.N. Force in Cyprus) generally and me personally are totally unjustified," Greindl said. "Accusations of such a serious nature are a matter of concern."

"I personally believe that both the force and I have always acted impartially and within the mandate of the Security Council and the UNFICYP guidelines," he said in a statement.

Greindl added that he looked

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'Studies don't feed the poor' Share prices improve at AFM

NICOSIA (R) — A United Nations food conference agreed Thursday that studies do not feed the world's half-billion starving — and then set up a new study.

The 36-nation World Food Council, grouping rich and poor nations, ended a four-day meeting by calling for an "action-oriented report" on why aid policies have failed and how to combat hunger more effectively.

In a document entitled "Cyrus Initiative Against Hunger in the World," delegates watered down a proposal to sell some of the West's big cereal stocks to support development projects in food-deficit countries.

It said a report should be presented in a year's time.

Western countries seriously questioned the original idea saying its originators misunderstood the nature of surpluses, it would be too costly and would distort world trade and consumption in beneficiary countries.

The meeting's final report, which was agreed unanimously, said the idea had met widespread interest but acknowledged the objections by saying: "It was observed that surpluses and hun-

ger were separate problems."

It said progress would hinge on a better understanding of why past aid policies had failed.

"At the same time, we emphasise that more studies will feed hungry people," it said.

Colombian delegate Don Gon-

zalo Buit Hoyos, addressing the final session, made clear developing countries were still concerned at famine amid surpluses.

"We have this unhappy and unacceptable paradox of surpluses piling up in producing and exporting countries and if it continues, political, human and social relations throughout the world will suffer because the situation is intolerable," he said.

Mexican Agriculture Minister Eduardo Pesqueira Olea, the meeting chairman, told reporters afterwards the initiative aimed to persuade rich countries that hunger was part of the wider problem of development.

"We are not aiming to conclude one more report. The pur-

pose is to ask for a real contribution by the international community to work and act for the aim of reducing hunger and malnutrition — to be practical," he said.

It was, he told the conference earlier, "an initiative of which we can be justly proud."

The final paper highlighted what it called a tragic rise in the number of hungry people — officials say 520 million are suffering severe malnutrition or starvation.

The report, to be presented to the U.N. General Assembly, blamed depressed international commodity prices, protectionism and growing debt-service obligations for a decline in the living standards of the world's poorest people.

But it highlighted a belief in some rich countries that the developing world bore part of the blame, saying better income distribution and lower population growth would ease the burden.

The council, set up in 1974 as a political think-tank on food issues, works alongside operational agencies like the U.N. World Food Programme and Food and Agriculture Organisation.

AMMAN (Petra) — The volume of trading at the Amman Financial Market (AFM) continued to increase over the past week coupled with indications of an improvement in prices of shares.

An AFM report said that last week's daily trading averaged JD 483,764 while the total volume of trading stood at JD 1,935,056.

The report said that a total of 2,348,919 shares changed hands last week through a total of 2,290 transactions.

According to the report, the industrial sector acquired 64.5 per cent of the total volume of trading accounting for JD 1,247,393 while the banks and financial companies' sector acquired 20 per cent accounting for JD 386,409.

The services sector acquired 8.5 per cent and the insurance sector, seven per cent of the total volume of trading.

The report indicated a slight improvement in the prices of ser-

vices and industries shares and stability in the prices of the banks and insurance sectors.

The closing figure was 114.1 points compared to 113.2 points at the opening of the market at the beginning of the week, the report noted.

It said that shares of 65 companies were traded in the past four straight days on speculative buying support, with sporadic profit-taking well absorbed. The Straits Times industrial index rose 6.29 to 983.43.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The market closed sharply higher after breaking through a new post-crash high earlier in the session. The All Ordinaries index, was up 23.7 to 1,537.5.

TOKYO — Share prices closed down in active trading due to caution about U.S. interest rates, aggravated by market rumours that the U.S. would raise its discount rate perhaps Friday night. The Nikkei lost 137.75 to 27,290.49.

HONG KONG — Prices closed barely changed in lacklustre trading. The Hang Seng index fell 6.79 to 2,513.70.

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FRANKFURT — Shares closed higher with strong interest in Siemens, mainly from abroad, fuelling a general rise. The Commerzbank index, set at mid-session, rose 7.1 to 1,352.6.

ZURICH — The market finished almost unchanged in lacklustre trading. The Swiss index was up 2.3 to 807 towards the close.

PARIS — Prices ended near the day's highs, with demand holding firm following Thursday's Bank of France interest rate cuts.

LONDON — Shares remained mixed throughout the afternoon, showing little response to news of a larger than expected U.K. current account deficit in April of £255 million compared to £285 million in March. At 1444 GMT the FTSE 100 was down 1.3 at 1,784.

NEW YORK — Stocks continued their slide during the morning in restrained trading before a three-day weekend. The Dow was down seven at 1,960.

France cuts interest rates

PARIS (R) — France Thursday cut key interest rates by $\frac{1}{4}$ percentage point in a move Finance Minister Pierre Beregovoy said was a signal of confidence in its economic future and the stability of its currency.

The rate cuts by the Bank of France, the nation's central bank, came on the same day that Paris-Match magazine published an opinion poll suggesting that Socialist Party will win a comfortable majority in next month's national assembly election.

Beregovoy, who took office earlier this month after Socialist President Francois Mitterrand's reelection, announced the rate cut in advance to journalists.

"I have agreed with the monetary authorities that a sign of confidence in our country should be given to public opinion and financial operators," he said.

"Everybody recognises that cutting interest rates is today the best method of revitalising our

economy," Beregovoy said.

In the move, the Bank of France cut its so-called money market intervention rate, the interest rate it demands when advancing medium term funds to money markets, to seven per cent from $\frac{7}{4}$ per cent. It cut its seven-day repurchase rate to $\frac{7}{4}$ per cent from $\frac{7}{4}$ per cent.

The rates, which the central bank uses as lower and upper indicators for money market rates, had remained unchanged since being cut by $\frac{1}{4}$ point on Jan. 25.

Beregovoy, meanwhile, also said the government would announce further lifting of exchange controls early next week.

The twin initiatives are Beregovoy's first major economic actions since returning to the finance ministry in Prime Minister Michel Rocard's new Socialist government.

Beregovoy had been finance minister from 1984 to 1986 under

the previous Socialist administration.

Wednesday night, Beregovoy flew to Bonn to inform West German counterpart Gerhard Stoltenberg of the intended actions.

"They (the West Germans) considered it an excellent initiative," Beregovoy said. But there would be no matching coordinated cut in West German rates, he said.

The rate cuts had little effect on the French franc, which has climbed steadily against the mark since Mitterrand's May 8 reelection.

Bond prices rose. But share prices hardly moved although lower interest rates, by making borrowing cheaper, should help boost company profits. Dealers said the cuts had been expected.

Beregovoy had suggested rate cuts were coming in a television interview late Tuesday.

force behind much of the economic expansion.

The latest report left supporters of the Reagan administration's economic policies gloating.

"It's a sad day for the gloom-and-doomers, both here and abroad, when the American economy proves to be significantly healthier than they expected," said chamber of commerce deputy chief economist Lawrence Hunter.

A strong economy is usually an asset for the party in power during election years, but recent polls show Vice President George Bush trailing Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, his likely Democratic opponent.

The GNP report, however, has fuelled fears that the economy is "overheated" and may spark a new round of inflation, despite fresh indications the price rises were under control.

The GNP price deflator, an inflation gauge, rose at a 1.7 per cent annual rate in the first quarter, instead of the previous 2.4 per cent estimate, and the GNP price index, a more reliable inflation measure, was revised down slightly to a 3.6 per cent annual growth rate from 3.7 per cent.

But economists said inflationary problems would show up in the coming months, not in the first quarter, as the economy strains to produce beyond its capacity on a sustained basis.

U.S. economy booms

WASHINGTON (R) — At a time when the U.S. economy was expected to take a breather, it barely slowed.

In the first three months of the year, the economy grew at a brisk 3.9 per cent annual rate, instead of the modest, but still healthy, 2.3 per cent pace estimated a month ago, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

With the surprisingly sharp upward revision, the growth of the country's gross national product (GNP) in the first quarter of the year lagged only slightly behind the seasonally adjusted 4.8 per cent growth rate of the fourth quarter of 1987.

Only a few months ago, most analysts were predicting a significant economic slowdown in the first quarter, which is defined as two consecutive quarters in which GNP declines.

After five uninterrupted years of economic expansion, stock market crash that wiped out \$500 billion of wealth in a single day, and a build-up of unsold inventories, they said the country was due for a slide down the business cycle.

But subsequent government reports, including the latest one, showed that exports are booming, business investment is brisk, the inventory accumulation is manageable and the stock market crash had no lasting effect on consumer spending, the driving force of the economy.

Broker expects gold output to rise sharply this year

LONDON (R) — Western gold output is likely to rise sharply this year with increases from almost every producer nation apart from South Africa, London commodity broker E.D. and F. Man said Friday.

It predicted in its latest precious metals report that production in the West could reach 1,500 tonnes this year, up from 1,380 last year and 1,280 in 1986.

The United States is expected to show the largest percentage rise with a 33.3 per cent increase in 1988 production to 200 tonnes, up from 150 last year. Output in 1986 was 108 tonnes.

South African production is forecast to fall to 600 tonnes this year from 615 in 1987 and 640 the previous year — a downward trend that has been continuing for the past 20 years.

Strong demand from Asia, led by Japan and Taiwan, has absorbed some of surplus supplies. Taiwan has been boosting reserves by buying U.S. gold, a development that was largely responsible for improvement in the U.S. March trade deficit.

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Report shows negative aspects from adopting IMF policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — A report by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) says poor people have been hurt by policies which have pressed on Third World countries, such as devaluation of currencies and cuts in government spending.

The report released this week

said that although many of the major policy instruments improved the position of the dominant poverty groups in the sample countries, other poverty groups were made worse off in the short run," said the report released this week.

The study looked at seven countries whose governments in recent years have adopted "adjustment programmes" to get loans from the fund: Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Kenya, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

The authors are five members of the fund staff from the United States, Holland, Greece, South Korea and India.

Michel Camdessus, the fund's French managing director, said in an introduction for the report:

"Adjustment does not have to lower basic human standards ... The more (that) adjustment efforts give proper weight to social realities — especially the implications for the poorest — the more successful they are likely to be."

Large groups of poor people in the cities of Chile, the Dominican

Republic and the Philippines suffered from the currency devaluations, the report said.

In the Philippines, spending on health and schools was cut and the devaluation and restrictions on imports raised prices sharply, the report said. Also, the restrictions on the supply of money held down the number of jobs and the amount of wages.

In the Dominican Republic, basic items were subsidised by a high exchange rate for the peso and when the rate was lowered, the report said. It did not provide details.

Sharp cuts in government spending may have hurt the poor in the long run as well as the short run in Sri Lanka and Kenya, according to the report. But it adds that the cuts might have been even greater if there had been no agreement between the governments and the fund.

In Sri Lanka, reforms urged by the fund laid the groundwork for long term improvements in living standards, but there was immediate pain, the report said.

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Royal Jordanian cycling festival kicks off Thursday

AMMAN (J.T.) — The final day of the Royal Jordanian Kinder Festival for Cycle Soccer and Artistic Cycling will be held Thursday under the patronage of Ali Ghadour, the chairman and executive president of the Royal Jordanian.

The festival will be attended by Hans Born, the secretary general of the International Indoor Cycling Commission (CIS). Born will arrive in Amman Sunday and participate with International Jordanian Commissioners and Royal Jordanian Cycling teams' technical director, Jihad Saqr, in judging the festival activities. The Royal Jordanian cycling team is the only non-European team that takes part in the European Championships.

The proceeds of this festival will be channelled to Jordan's Sports Federation for the Physically Handicapped in appreciation of its role in promoting the handicapped's sports in Jordan. The festival will be held at the Jordan Sports Centre for the Physically Handicapped in Amman.

This festival is organised by the Royal Jordanian Cycling team and the Middle East Sports Academy in cooperation with the International Indoor Cycling Commission. This festival focuses its attention on childhood being the important sector of the society. This is why the Royal Jordanian Cycling teams are comprised of youngsters who successfully took part in last year's World Championships in Denmark and in this year's European Championships in Austria.

During the RJ festival, the Royal Jordanian teams will play the Cycle Soccer and Artistic Cycling junior teams of West Germany.

Cross country race marks Independence Day

AMMAN (Petra) — A 4.5-kilometre cross country race was organised Friday by the Housing Bank as part of the Independence Day celebrations. More than one thousand athletes from sports clubs, education departments and private schools in Amman, Zarqa and Madaba took part in the event. The race, which started from the Housing Bank complex, was organised under the patronage of Information Minister Hani Al Khasawneh. The minister presented cups and medals to the winners at the end of the race.

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It might seem that the only chance for your ninth trick is a spade finesse, but if you simply lead a spade to the jack, you will go down as the cards lie. You will not have made best use of those spots in spades.

A superior line is to win the opening lead in hand with the queen and lead the nine of spades. If West plays low, run it, and you will make your contract if West started with either the queen or ten of spades, since you intend repeating the finesse if the nine loses to the ten.

With his actual holding, West should cover the nine. You finesse the jack, East wins the queen and reverts to a heart knocking out your last stopper in the suit. You have one more shot—a finesse for the eight of spades. You lead a spade to

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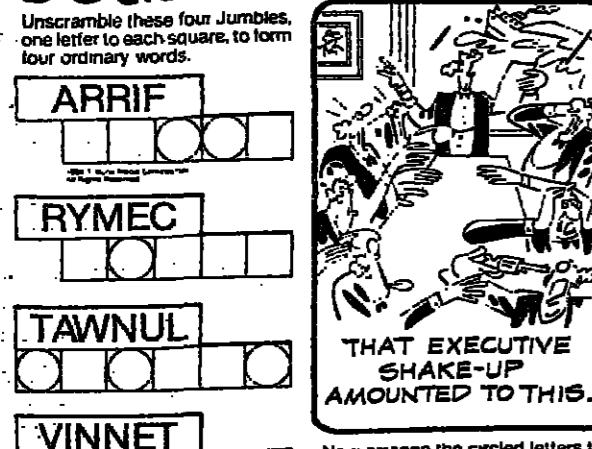
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His Majesty wins second place, Prince Abdullah placed third

Bilbeisi retains Tal Al Rumman hill climb title

By Rania Atalla and Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Staff Reporters

AMMAN — Unperturbed by a back injury he sustained in a 1986 rally accident, Amr Bilbeisi drove his powerful Opel Manta 400 "to the limit," to edge His Majesty King Hussein by 0.08 seconds and His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah by 0.19 seconds, in a tough speed test at the Tal Al Rumman hill climb Friday.

Randa Nabulsi, in a Seat Ibiza, clinched the women's title registering a 2:41.01 over a field of four.

"It was as tough as it could ever be," Bilbeisi, who clocked 2:07.92, told the Jordan Times after his last and best run of the day. "I had to push it to the limit at every corner to try to gain the less-than-a-second difference."

Driving a Mercedes 190E, King Hussein managed a close second place. "I had no more than two rounds of practice," the King told reporters at the finish line after his first run.

The King participated in the event in two different cars but lost one in the morning stage—a Lorus Esprit—when its clutch failed, forcing him to continue the competition in the Mercedes.

The King, who held the title for nearly 20 years after clocked 2:21.09 in a Porsche 904 in 1966, was making his second attempt to regain the title after Bilbeisi set a new record of 2:16.87 last year.

The King expressed pride in "the new generation" of competitors participating in the sport, underlining a growing interest in the sport.

Prince Abdullah, who came third in Friday's event with an Open Manta and a Mercedes, said his performance was "not as good as I wanted." He told the Jordan Times that he made some mistakes in the Open Manta 400, mostly because of its gearbox which is designed for Safari rallies.

Asked whether he was at a disadvantage competing with the more powerful Mercedes 190E, Bilbeisi agreed but added that he himself had the advantage of more practice time in his own car.

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GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Carry through with whatever you start today, and don't go jumping from one thing to another without getting anything accomplished.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Make arrangements to enjoy some recreation with a group of congenial friends. Try to work on building up your bank account.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) If a family friend is irritable, don't argue with this person. Forget personal affairs for now, and pay more attention to financial matters.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You can best get your ideas across to

others by speaking quietly and reasonably. Make sure you drive carefully, and avoid strangers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't allow a financial expert to rush you into any hasty decisions. Study the matter well first, and rely on what you think is best for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you go out for recreation with friends, don't try to run the show. Listen to the advice of friends who have your best interests at heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If you work more harmoniously with your mate, you can get a great deal accomplished. Avoid arguing with him today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Listen to the suggestions of others, but don't let anyone tell you how to run your life. A message from far off will bring you good news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) This is a good day to focus your attention on family matters. A friend who has helped you in the past now needs your assistance badly.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Don't let a new acquaintance lead you in the wrong direction: take all advice with a grain of salt. This is not a good time for travelling.

MAKING ONE LAST DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO RECAPTURE THE GRANDEUR OF OLD, JOHN MCENROE LET NO ONE DOWN, LEAST OF ALL HIMSELF, WINNING 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 TO MOVE INTO THE ROUND OF THE LAST 32 WHERE HE WILL PLAY 16-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN MICHAEL CHANG.

While the sport's new order—Ivan Lendl, Boris Becker and Pat Cash—all played to less than capacity audiences, it was the old sorcerer's second-round joust with Sweden's Christian Bergstrom which captured the imagination of all.

Randa Nabulsi, a pharmacist, rather than hill climbs. However, he conceded that Bilbeisi deserved the victory.

"He was outstanding," he said of the two-time champion.

Prince Abdullah described his Opel Manta as "fast as a rocket" and his Mercedes 190 was "fantastic."

Almost 90 drivers took part in Friday's bi-annual event which was resumed last year after a 20-year suspension. It was organised by the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan and sponsored by the Pepsi Cola company of Amman. Five female drivers took part in the event for the first time.

The speed test comes less than a month before the international rally competition which is scheduled for June 15 to 17. Many of the participants in Friday's event have already started practice for the event and consider the hill climb to be an experience gained.

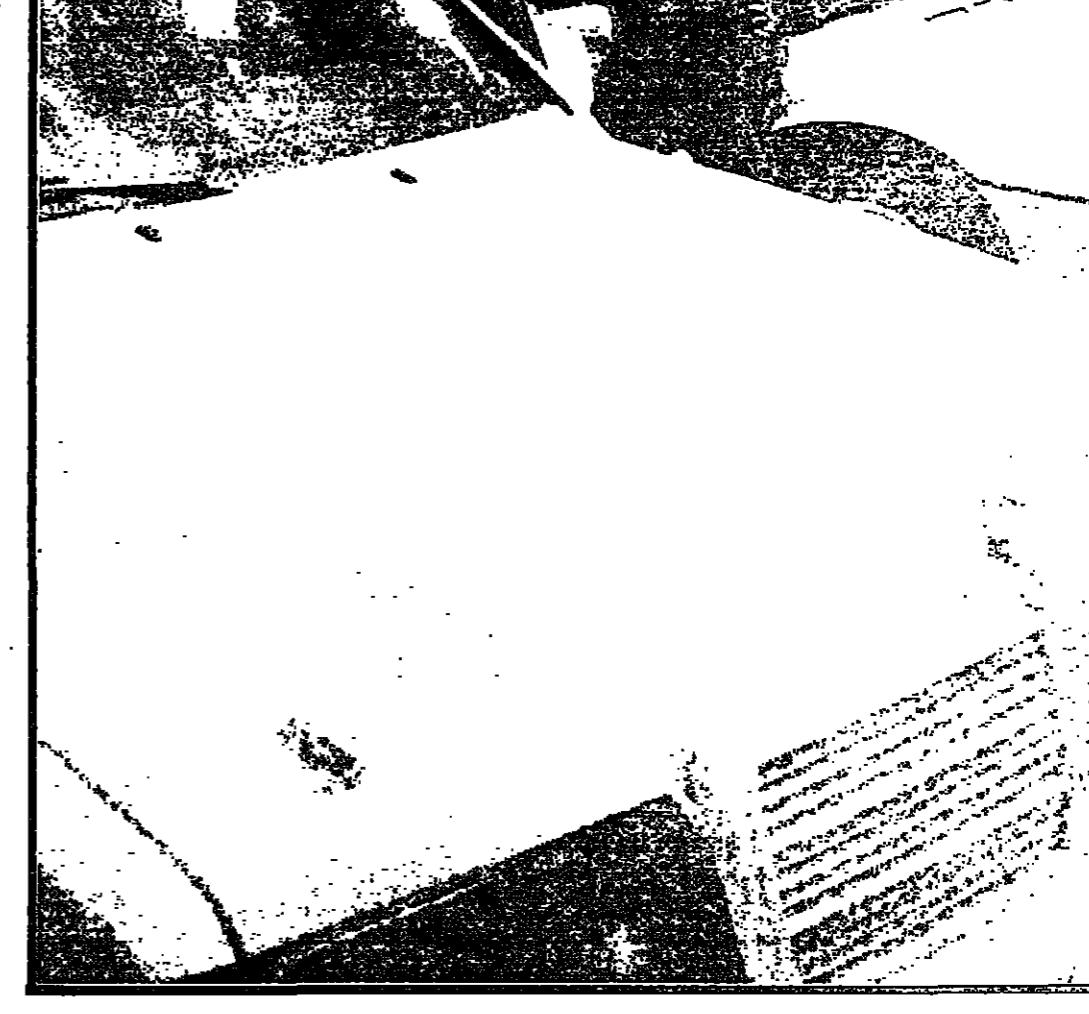
"I did not think I was up to it," the soft-spoken Bilbeisi said. Winning the event was "a beautiful feeling" although, he said, "I used the wrong tyres." He pointed out that the back tyres should have been wider for better handling and more stability. Because of his back injury, Bilbeisi would not be taking part in the international rally lessons.

Noting that she could not compete with men, Nabulsi said that Mseis was the most experienced among the women drivers. She said she could not participate in rallies because of lack of sponsorship. "Until I find sponsorship, I am thinking about taking part in rallying events."

Mseis told the Jordan Times she was "going fine on the curves" but that she was "taking it easy." She said that problems in finding sponsorship was what stopped her from more participation in rallying events.

Mseis said she did not feel bad about coming second to Nabulsi whom she said was a good driver with additional rally experience.

Hawawa said her legs stiffened before starting off on her second afternoon run. She said she was not satisfied with her performance.



His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah getting ready for a challenge in the Tal Al Rumman hill climb Friday (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

ance and blamed it on her old Renault compared to the new cars her competitors drove. "My car didn't help me," she said.

Hawawa's sister, Louza, said she was in the competition for "the adventure and the experience involved."

She said she was willing to take the competition more seriously if she found a stronger car in the future.

Mithqal Astour in a Volvo 244 Turbo and Abdel Elah Tabbaa in a Renault R5 Turbo went off the road during the competition and several other drivers had minor technical problems.

Her Majesty Queen Noor and several members of the royal family attended the event along with a crowd of 2,000 spectators.

McEnroe recaptures old grandeur in French tennis

PARIS (R) — The enduring memory of past deeds, heroic and shameful, placed John McEnroe in a familiar spot under the tennis microscope at the French Open Thursday.

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"I must treat him as just another player," said McEnroe. "The worst thing would be if I went on court thinking he was just a little older than my son."

The former world number one

is then scheduled to play Lendl in the fourth round, assuming the Czechoslovak overcomes Frenchman Thierry Lutus Saturday.

Though Cash's five-set tussle to subdue Spanish claycourt specialist Javier Sanchez provided more in terms of competitive tennis, no other player in the four days of Roland Garros has displayed such complete mastery of racket over ball as McEnroe.

Lendl, by contrast, looked sluggish at the start before beat-

Peanuts



Mutt'n Jeff



Andy Capp



